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the softening point of the resin is greater than 140°C. Support for the amendment to Claims 1 and 4 and Claim 33 is found throughout the specification and specifically at p. 4, lines 13-17. At Column 7, lines 28-30 of Alper et al., the aliphatic tackifying hydrocarbon resin are described as having a softening points from about 60°C to 140°C.

With regard to the obviousness rejection, the Applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the Examples beginning at p. 21, and in particular to Table's III, IV and V exemplifying various adhesive compositions of the present invention in comparison to the same composition differing only with respect to the selection of the tackifying resin. The adhesive compositions of the present invention have substantially better heat resistance, as reflected by the increase in 100 g peel values.

In conclusion, the adhesive compositions of the present invention are novel in view of the types of polymers employed as well as in view of the Tg or softening point of the tackifying resin. Further, these recited features contribute substantially improved properties, unanticipated by Alper. Reconsideration and a timely allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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